

John Howland – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

John Howland arrived in Plymouth on the Mayflower in 1620 at about age 18. He married Elizabeth Tilley in 1624 in Plymouth. They had ten children. Howland held important positions in Plymouth where he died in 1673. He received land grants in various parts of Plymouth Colony as did other influential Plymouth residents. The land records described here are only those found in the existing Eastham records.

1666

Granted to John Howland about ten acres at Namskaket near a little brook and next to land of William Bradford and Thomas Prence. PDF A229, M44.

Four lots of land of the purchasers were granted. John Howland and James Collier received the fourth lot. Lot dimensions were not given but based on the size of the other grants the lot probably was about five acres. The lot was bordered by a brook and a swamp and was next to the lot of Nicholas Snow. Reference to Indian land suggests the four lots were in the Sautucket area. PDF A229, M44.

1673

Jabez Howland sold land gifted from his father, John Howland, to Thomas Clarke of Plymouth for five pounds. The land consisted of two parcels near Sautucket Mill. One parcel was five acres near the sea side. The size of the other parcel near the Indian bounds was not given. PDF A232, A233, M42.

1677

Granted to John Howland one of eleven grants of meadow of the purchasers on the southerly side of Great Namskaket. The lot was about two acres. It was near a creek and near a salt pond. PDF A235, M280.

Granted to John Howland one and one-half acres of broken marsh ground of the purchasers. The land was on the southerly side of Namskaket River and next to land of William Bradford and Edward Bangs. PDF A237, A238, M208.

1680

Ten lots of the land the purchasers bought from the Indians at Sautucket and Namskaket were granted. The lots were at a corner of the Indian field commonly called Sick Man's Field. John Howland was granted the sixth lot which was about six acres. PDF A227, M37, S104.

1683

Eight lots of land of the purchasers on Tom's Island on the farther side of Patanumquit were granted. The second lot of about two acres was granted to John Howland and Daniel Cole. Their lot was next to lots of Jonathan Bangs and Lieut. Rogers. PDF A243, M241.

The Eastham land owned by John Howland and his son Jabez Howland described in these records amounts to about thirty acres. By 1745 there are no more records of Howlands receiving Eastham land grants.